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Office Action Summary

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10/614,185

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 July 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8, 12 and 13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 9-11 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

This is the first Office Action for serial number 10/614,185, Tool Support Kit, filed on July 8, 2003. Claims 1-13 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-8, 12 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 269,570 to Goodwin. Regarding claims 1-6, 8, 12 and 13, Goodwin discloses a kit of parts comprising: an upright (B) including a clamping member (D, J), a base (flat circular plate) and a post (at B generally) extending upwardly from the base; a pair of supporting members each including a mounting portion (j, j') and a supporting surface (n); wherein the clamping member is movable between a clamping position and a released position, comprises a biased pair of confronting hooks (D, J), and is adjustably supported on the upright; and a material support member (E) supported on the upright above the clamping member. Goodwin does not teach the kit including a pair of uprights. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified the kit of Goodwin to include an additional upright because one would have been motivated to provide additional support for the apparatus and further since it has been held that mere

duplication of the essential working parts of a device involves only routine skill in the art. Regarding claim 7, Goodwin does not teach the material support member being adjustable in height; however it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified the material support member of Goodwin to be height adjustable because one would have been motivated to permit adjustments of the support member relative to the base of the upright.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 9-11 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure: 44341247 to Price; 4520981 to Harrigan; 4877069 to Plumley; 5752679 to Thomason; 4966341 to Borsani; 5330143 to Rich et al; 5908182 to Stang et al; 6155318 to Underwood; 6644601 to Aussiker; 6709194 to Grimes

The above references disclose supports relevant to the present invention.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Naschica S. Morrison, whose telephone number is (703) 305-0228. If attempts to reach the examiner are unsuccessful, the examiner's

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supervisor, Leslie Braun can be reached at 703-308-2156. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this Application should be directed to the Technology Center receptionist at (703) 306-1113.


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